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(b) The gas reserves in the case of Vietnam Project are estimated to be 2.04 Trillion Cubic Feet (TCF). In the case of Sakhalin Project-I, the estimated oil in-place is in the range of 7—9 billion barrels and gas in-place is in the range of 20—25 TCF. The recoverable reserves are of the order of 25—30% in the case of oil and 70—75% in case of gas.

(c) In the case of Sakhalin-I Project, the production is scheduled to start in the fourth quarter of 2005. In the case of Vietnam Project, the commissioning of gas production is scheduled by October 2002.

(d) OVL is pursuing exploration and production opportunities in Algeria, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Indonesia and Venezuela.

Guidelines for exploration of oil under NELP-II

1823. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether government have since decided to award 23 oil exploration blocks under the second round of the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-II);

(b) if so, the details of guidelines fixed for allocation; and

(c) the number of exploration blocks allowed to each company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (c) The Government has, in June, 2001, awarded 23 blocks falling in onland, offshore and deepwater areas to public sector companies, Private Sector companies and their consortia for exploration of oil & gas, as detailed in Statement-I (See below) under the Second round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-II). The Production Sharing Contracts for these blocks have been signed on 17.7.01.

(b) The broad terms for offer of blocks under NELP are given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

Details of Private sector companies/consortia for exploration of oil and gas under the second round of NELP

Sl.No.	Company/consortium	No. of blocks awarded
1.	Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL)-(Hardy Exploration & Production (India) Inc. (HEPI)	4
2.	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (Ltd.) (ONGC)	6
3.	ONGC-Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOC)	4
4.	ONGC-Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL)	2
5.	ONGC-IOC-GAIL-Oil India Ltd. (OIL)	2
6.	ONGC-IOC-GAIL-OIL-Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (GSPC)	1
7.	ONGC-IOC-GSPC	1
8.	OIL	1
9.	GSPC-GAIL-Joshi Technology Inc. (JTI)	1
10.	Niko Resources	1
TOTAL:		23

Statement-II

The broad terms of NELP are as under:—

- * **No signature, discovery or production bonus.**
- * **No mandatory state participation.**
- * **No carried interest by National Oil Companies (NOCs).**
- * **Income Tax Holiday for seven years from start of commercial production.**
- * **No customs duty on imports required for petroleum operation.**
- * **Biddable cost recovery limit upto 100%.**

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- * Option to amortise exploration and drilling expenditure over a period for 10 years from first commercial production.
- * Biddable sharing of profit petroleum based on pre-tax investment multiple achieved by the contractor.
- * Royalty for onland areas is payable at the rate of 12.5% for crude oil and 10% for natural gas. For offshore areas, it is payable at the rate of 10% for oil and natural gas. Royalty for discoveries in deep water areas beyond 400m iso-bath will be chargeable at half the applicable rate for offshore areas for the first seven years of commercial production.
- * Fiscal stability provision in the contract.
- * Freedom to the contractor for marketing of oil and gas in the domestic market.
- * Provision for assignment.
- * Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1996 will be applicable.

Irrigation projects from Gujarat, MP, UP and Bihar

†1824. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise number of the foreign-aided irrigation projects in the country at present;
- (b) whether Government have received any such proposal from State Governments particularly from the Government of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the decision taken in this regard;
- (d) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that the foreign aid provided for this purpose is not being properly utilised by the States; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BUOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The State-wise number of ongoing externally aided irrigation projects are given in Statement-I. (See below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.